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April 20, 2018

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street SE

Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Grant Application 18-1267

Dear Grantor,

The Chambers Creek Foundation is honored to partner in the support of this grant application. Since 1999, the Foundation has been the official non-profit funding organization partner supporting Pierce County's Chambers Creek Properties. Development of the Canyon Trail system and preservation of this natural treasure is the Foundation's current fund-raising priority.

To show our continued support, the Chambers Creek Foundation Board has voted to pledge not less than \$10,000 in a combination of in-kind services and cash as match for this specific grant application. In-kind services, including volunteer labor, valued at \$15.00 per hour will be provided throughout the term of the grant. Funds will be transferrable at an agreed upon time following execution of the grant.

A list of current sponsors that have contributed to the Canyon Trail Development Project, primarily from the 2017 Chambers Bay 10-year Anniversary Gala event, is attached.

Thank you for this opportunity to invest in our community.

Sincerely,

Leanna Mason,

President, Chambers Creek Foundation

Mission.

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Mission Statement: *The mission of the Foothills Rails To Trails Coalition is to assist Pierce County communities in the creation, maintenance and usage of a connected system of non-motorized trails and greenways from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound.*

Date July 11, 2018

Chambers Creek Trail

Dear R. C. O. Grant Committee,

The Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition, an IRS 501-C-3 and Washington State non-profit corporation pledges \$2,000 towards a partial match of the Chambers Creek Trail project. We will give the \$2,000 based upon RCO awarding Pierce County, the City of Lakewood and the City of University Place a grant for the construction of the Chambers Creek Trail in the 2018 grant cycle. We will give the lead agency the said \$2,000 after the start of construction of the Chambers Creek Trail or whenever after the start of construction the lead agency requests said money.

Chambers Creek flows from Steilacoom Lake past the old site of the Byrd's Mill, which was the first grist mill that converted wheat into flour in Pierce County; the creek then flows down through a forested canyon about 200 feet deep and into Puget Sound. The future Chambers Creek Trail would be a year round recreational trail serving the residents of the Cities of Lakewood, University Place, and Pierce County in a very scenic canyon separating the two cities.

I remember walking along Chambers Creek some 60 years ago as a boy and reveling at the beauty and seclusion of this gem that nature had hidden in an already growing urban setting. While the cities bordering the canyon have grown immensely with residential homes, the canyon itself has remained the secluded gem of nature I remember as a child. When constructed the Chambers Creek trail will allow future generations to enjoy the sense of discovering a hidden oasis that I had sixty years ago.

The Foothills Board of Directors and I personally support the construction of the Chambers Creek Trail. Although some people think our name indicates we advocate for only the Foothills Trail, we actively support trails throughout Pierce County as part of our Mission Statement. Members travel near and far advocating for trails to the various councils and park districts within Pierce County.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile project.

Gordon F. "Buzz" Grant Jr., President
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Washington Trails Association

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April 30, 2018

Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
PO Box 40917
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RE: Letter of Support for Pierce County's Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Construction

Dear RCO Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Washington Trails Association to express our enthusiastic support of Pierce County's proposal to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to develop the next phase of the Chambers Creek Canyon trail system.

Washington Trails Association is the country's largest state-based trail maintenance and hiking advocacy nonprofit organization with more than 15,500 members. WTA's mission is to preserve, enhance, and promote hiking opportunities in Washington State through collaboration, education, advocacy and volunteer trail maintenance. Each year more than 5,000 WTA volunteers perform over 160,000 hours of trail maintenance across Washington.

We are fully supportive of Pierce County's plan to continue development of the Chambers Creek trail system. This is the next step in implementing a comprehensive community driven trail plan for Chambers Creek Canyon. When completed the system will include trail bridges across the creek, boardwalks through wetlands and almost 3 miles of trail connecting uplands to saltwater. This unique trail system will provide access to a unique natural environment in the middle of a busy urban area and provide a stronger sense of community by creating a unique connection between the cities of University Place and Lakewood.

This phase of the trail plan will include trail construction on both the north and south sides of the creek. These trail segments will tie together already existing trails and create new trails from multiple trailheads in the Lakewood and University Place communities. **Washington Trails Association is prepared to commit 1000 hours of volunteer time during both the 2020 and 2021 construction seasons to help complete this phase of the project.**

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will support and fund this project.

Sincerely,

Andrea Imler
Advocacy Director



Partners For Parks

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Dear Parks Partner:

Partners for Parks is a coalition of Lakewood service organizations, community groups, educational institutions, military partners and local businesses that come together for the purpose of assisting in the improvement of Lakewood area parks. We raise funds and volunteer to clean parks, paths and trails to improve the quality of life for Lakewood residents and its visitors.

I'm writing today to support the next phase of the Chambers Creek Canyon trail system. Partners for Parks will be an active participant in endorsing the development of a comprehensive trail system in the South Puget Sound. **The Partners have already committed \$5,000 to this project.**

Pierce County's plan to continue development of the Chambers Creek trail system is in keeping with our mission to create a vibrant and healthy community. This is an important next step to implementing a comprehensive trail plan for the Chambers Creek Canyon.

When completed the system will include trail bridges across the creek, boardwalks through wetlands and almost 3 miles of trail connecting uplands to creek. This unique trail system will provide access to a pristine natural environment in the middle of a busy urban area and provide a stronger sense of community by creating a unique connection between the cities of University Place and Lakewood.

Partners to Parks believes by increasing access for trail walkers and regional outdoor recreational visitors, we will create a more vibrant and engaging environment for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Again, we wholeheartedly support this grant application and we encourage you to support our communities' efforts as well.

Sincerely,

Sally Saunders, President